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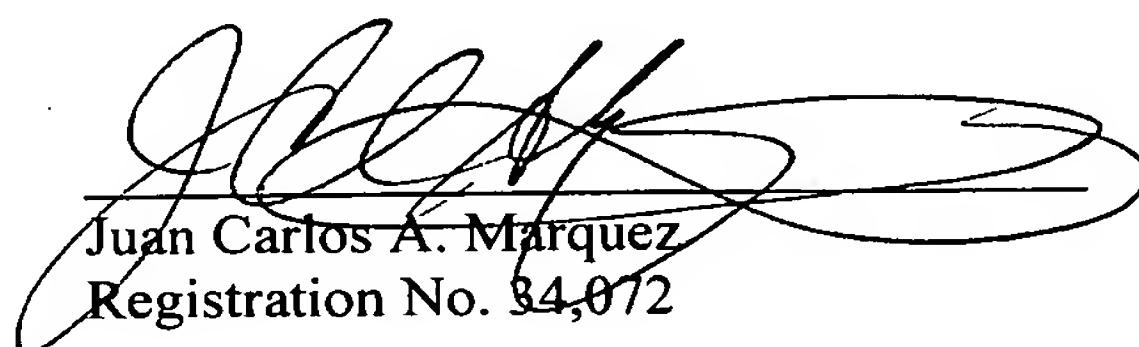
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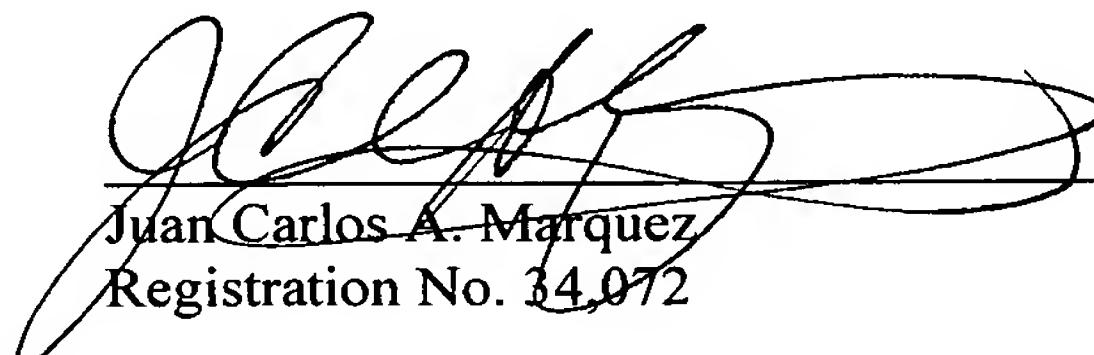
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Prior to the issuance of the above-referenced allowed application, Applicants respectfully request that this allowed application be amended as follows: